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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

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With reference to the Official Action dated July 9, 2002, the undersigned hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to November 9, 2002, effective November 12, 2002, in which to 5 respond.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith. In the event any additional fee becomes due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2839.

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